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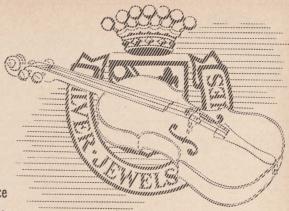
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Overture, "In Medias Res," Op. 21 . . Peter Jona Korn (1922-)

This overture by a gifted Southern California musician was composed in November, 1953. Its performance tonight marks its world premiere. The title of the work, a Latin idiom meaning "In the middle of the thing," or more colloquially, "In the heart of the matter," has a double significance. First, it is a reference to the very brevity of the composition-for in a few short minutes' duration the piece sums up the whole idea of the "overture" as a classic form: a bithematic exposition, development, and recapitulation.

The second connection between the title and the composition itself is found in the general character of the music, which is clear, logical, appealing, and definitely addressed to the enjoyment of the listener rather than to the dictates of any cult or modernistic fad. In these qualities it "goes to the heart of" its composer's view that music is meant to be a living expression for the enjoyment of composers, players and listeners.

Peter Iona Korn, who was born in Berlin, has lived in Los Angeles since 1941. Before coming to California he had studied with Edmund Rubbra in England and Stefan Wolpe in Jerusalem. In Los Angeles he had further training with Ernst Toch. Mr. Korn is the founder and conductor of the New Orchestra of Los Angeles, which has given many noteworthy performances and serves as a community and training orchestra. Mr. Korn's compositions include two symphonies, three overtures, a symphonic portrait "Tom Paine," a horn concertino, a rhapsody for oboe and strings, and much chamber music, songs, piano compositions, etc. He is now completing his Variations on a Tune from the Beggar's Opera for a forthcoming performance by the Louisville Symphony under a commission of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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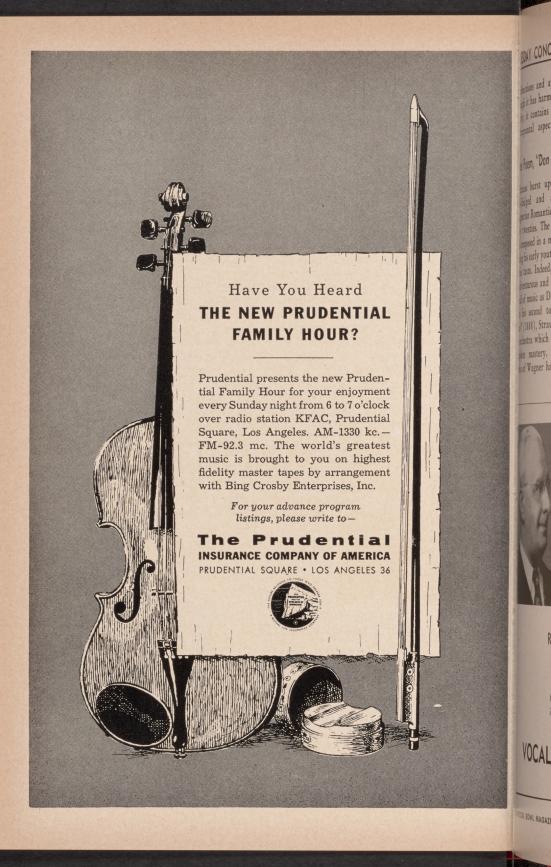
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Tone Poem, "Don Juan," Op. 20

Strauss burst upon the world a full-fledged and audacious post-Wagnerian Romantic while still in his early twenties. The many works he had composed in a more Classic style during his early youth were no longer to his taste. Indeed, Strauss seemed as adventurous and irresistible in his world of music as Don Juan himself!

In his second tone poem, "Don Juan" (1888), Strauss used a gigantic orchestra which he handled with complete mastery. Not even the works of Wagner had afforded such

Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

lushness of orchestration, such sensuousness and intensity of expression. Strauss' expressive gamut included biting satire, raw comedy, and a generous amount of that which is discordant and ugly. It is this lastnamed, "negativistic" quality which places Strauss astride two eras; he is not only the disciple of Wagner and Berlioz, but also the forerunner of post-World War I Schönberg, Berg, and the others.

"Don Juan" is based on the version
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deadly foe is in my power, and this, too, bores me, as does life itself."

As in the case of "Till Eulenspiegel" and other works, Strauss did not specify the exact "program" of the composition; but this is not hard to discern from the music. The opening measures (allegro molto con brio) seem to picture the young, the gallant and vigorous Don in his search for adventure. Of the musical episodes which follow-love music, to be sure -those given to the solo violin and to the oboe are the most famous. The second "Don Juan" theme-an unforgettable melody—is given to the horns in unison (six horns in the original score).

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Overture to "Der Freischütz" . Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826)

In 1816, when he was director of the opera at Dresden, Weber composed "Der Freischütz," a work which has been called the beginning of the Romantic movement in German music, and the most German of

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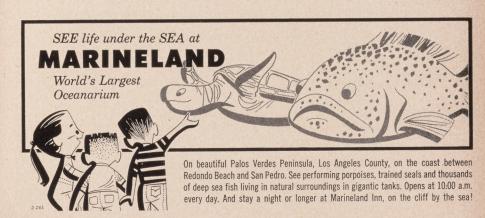
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The libretto is based on one of the tales of Apel and Laun, and the music is so deeply rooted in Teutonic folksong that Weber was at one time accused of plagiarism in this regard. The legend, familiar to German huntsmen, tells of the seven magic bullets which a hunter, in exchange for his soul, may obtain of the demon Samiel. These bullets are certain to hit the desired mark. In a given time the huntsman must find another victim for the demon or forfeit his life.

The action of the opera is laid in Bohemia, just after the Thirty Years' War. The central characters are Max, a ranger in the forest of the grand duke, and his sweetheart Agatha, daughter of Kuno, the chief ranger. In a shooting contest, in which the victor is to be named Kuno's successor, Max, in a run of bad luck, loses to a rich peasant. Caspar, Max's rival, who is soon to forfeit his life as payment of his debt to the demon Samiel, persuades Max to accept the seven magic bullets to use in a second contest. He hopes thus to bring about the sacrifice of Max's life instead of his own. Six of the bullets hit their mark, but the demon causes Max to fire the seventh at Agatha. She is protected, however, by a magic bridal wreath. Seeing this, Samiel claims Caspar as his rightful victim. Max is pronounced the new victor, and after a period of repentance for his mistakes, he is to be allowed to claim Agatha as his bride.

The opening of the overture suggests the haunting fragrance of the forest. Following a serene passage for horns—a hymn of prayer—the pow-

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Agatha and a holy hermit. The final climax is a triumphant expression of the victory of love, the foiling of the evil one, and the rejoicing of the people.

Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Op. 88 . Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Though Dvorak's works have lain somewhat in eclipse for a number of years, it seems altogether possible that, with the more catholic tastes of audiences of today as compared to a generation ago, his works might again enjoy widespread favor. Though they are neither super-emotional nor cerebral, they possess an individual freshness and a perfection of form and craftsmanship which once earned the highest respect of such musicians as Brahms, von Bülow and Richter, as well as public acclaim throughout the musical world.

The Fourth Symphony was composed in 1889, near the beginning of Dvorak's reign of success. Also dating from this period are the famous piano quintet, the "Dumky" Trio, and the three overtures, "Amid Na-

ture," "Carnival," and "Othello."

The first performance of the Fourth Symphony occurred Prague, with Dvorak conducting, in February, 1890. The performance by the London Philharmonic, on April 14 of the same year, Dvorak again conducting, was a gala occasion. It was during this same visit to England (Dvorak's sixth) that he was honored with the Doctor of Music degree by Cambridge University. The University of Prague soon followed suit. The composer's fiftieth birthday, which occurred soon after, was signalized by special performances of his works in several countries.

This symphony has often been called "pastoral," "rural," "idyllic." The biographer Hoffmeister spoke of its themes as "breaking into flower

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The Adagio movement is in a somber and at times religious mood. The initial thematic material is heard in strings, then discoursed by clarinets. In a second section a more animated figure is played by strings and winds, leading to a striking climax.

The playful third movement is interestingly worked out in its themes and counter melodies. A middle or "trio" section is based

on a charming, simple, folk-like melody.

A trumpet fanfare ushers in the finale. The main theme is a stately one, first heard in the strings. Two other important themes are introduced by the solo flute and the clarinets. There is a brilliant climax, in which suggestions of the main theme of the first movement are heard.

Concerto in D Major, Op. 77, for Violin and Orchestra Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The violin concerto is one of the works which Brahms created at Pörtschach, a lovely town on the Wörthersee in southern Austria. It was in the same spot that Brahms also composed the Second Symphony and the first part of the second piano concerto. To Hanslick he once remarked that he found the air here so charged with melodies that he must "be careful not to tread on them."

In a letter he described his summer

quarters thus:

"Pörtschach is most exquisitely situated, and I have found a lovely and apparently pleasant abode in the Schloss [castle]! You may tell everybody just simply this; it will impress them. But I may add in parenthesis that I have just two little rooms in the housekeeper's quarters; my piano could not be got up the stairs, it would have burst the walls."

The joyful, idyllic main theme is heard at the beginning of the opening

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tutti, announced by violas, cellos, bassoons and horns. A sharp, staccato rhythm marks a second theme which establishes a conflict with the more tender and lofty earlier material. The entry of the solo violin has an unforgettable effect, as the main theme is transformed through a quasi improvisation from an idyllic to an heroic mood.

The main theme of the Adagio was probably taken from an old Bohemian folksong. Its soothing melody is first heard on the oboe. The solo instrument takes it up, modifies it, and announces the beautiful second theme.

The finale, in rondo form, has a decidedly Hungarian flavor. Its cen-

tral theme is in a merry mood, energetic and robust. The conclusion, with its delightful treatment of the rhythm of the main theme, suggests the revels of a rustic dance.

Two violinists had a hand in the shaping of Brahms' career. The first was the virtuoso Eduard Remenyi, whose brilliance dazzled the young Brahms when he played in Hamburg in 1849. Brahms subsequently became Remenyi's accompanist, and through him became familiar with Hungarian folk music, the style of which had an impact on a number of Brahms' works, including the finale of the concerto heard tonight. (Remenyi maintained his standing for many

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NATURE STUDY

After two references in these columns to feathered and furred creatures in the Bowl, we had resolved to close the book on nature studies for the season, but a fledgling finch fooled us. In the Los Angeles Times of July 22, Gene Sherman, author and guide of the superlative "Cityside" column told about the delinquent blue jay who lifts morsels from sandwiches being consumed by Bowl visitors. Then he related the fascinating story of the baby finch that nose-dived from its nest in the upper regions of the shell to the floor not far from the concertmaster "who was noticeably shaken by the incident."

"Had you been in the audience," says Mr. Sherman, "you might have noticed a burly stagehand sneak out of the wings, cup the fledgling clumsily in his hands and carry it carefully to haven." It was placed in a cottonlined cardboard box and rushed to Jean Andrews Bird Hospital. She is an expert on bird care and quickly had Tympani Finch revived and gaping for

food.

A blue parakeet with tail feathers missing must have read Mr. Sherman's piece in the paper. He flew into the Bowl, was seen and captured by a groundskeeper and brought to the Executive Offices where he received tender care until he was taken to Jean Andrews who is beginning to wonder.

Now, believe it or not, a deer family came out of the brush to investigate the goings on in the Bowl. Of Dutch ancestry they wanted to check on Maestro van Beinum. As the light began to fade they could be seen on the northwest rim of the Bowl — buck, doe and fawn. The deer domestic picture created a mild furore among the hundreds in the audience who spotted the trio.

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For a decade Ray Rovin has been in charge of Hollywood Bowl Magazine

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SCALPERS

During the Walt Disney night program a tableau of Indians was shown on the West Terrace. Did the Indians go on a secret scalping party? Among articles left in the Bowl and returned to the offices for safekeeping was a hirsute device known among women as a "fall" (even though it may be worn also in spring, summer and winter). You'll have to figure out what it is used for since this department is not conversant with such items. The fact is however, it resembles a scalp lock. It would amaze you if you knew about all the things people lose in the Bowl.

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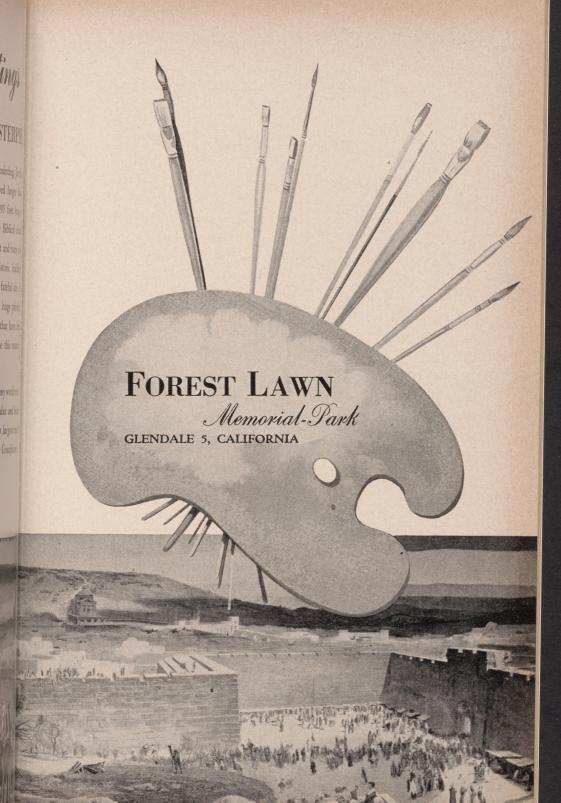
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1955

by ROBERT TURNER

HOLLYWOOD BOWL "POPS"

Nat "King" Cole is now in the second decade of his "reign" in the music business, and is ever increasing his domain. It is now several years since he added singing to his already considerable art as a pianist. With this powerful ammunition he has picked off, one by one, all the birdies on the entertainment fence - night clubs, theaters, records, radio, concerts, TV. First his field of action was the U.S.; then he extended it to Europe and Hawaii. It seems safe to predict that if another entertainment medium is invented, or a new country is discovered, Cole will be on the job there

Nat did not just inherit his crown. He had his first band at high school in Chicago, where he played for local dances. In those days he thought he might become a professional baseball player. After he finished high school he played piano for awhile in his brother's band, then joined a

traveling revue which finally folded, leaving him stranded right in Long Beach, California. Engagements in many a Southern California bistro followed. Times were not easy. Finally he was able to organize a quartet for a Hollywood night club. On opening night the drummer failed to show up—and thus was born the famous "King" Cole Trio (piano, bass, guitar).

Cole's history since that time is known to all devotees of popular music. The recordings of his own song, "Straighten Up and Fly Right" (1943), "The Christmas Song" and "Nature Boy" all were sensational successes. In the course of the years he has been awarded practically a whole gallery of plaques, scrolls, medals, gold records, and other mementoes of his achievements. The tenth anniversary of the trio was marked by a Carnegie Hall concert.

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Like any other successful entertainer in the popular music field, Cole has an individual and inimitable style. A style such as his, with its innumerable facets, is hard to describe, except in general terms-a nimble piano technique, an original approach to rhythm, an infectious vitality in his interpretations. And there are two other noticeable qualities in his work which any true artist should havesincerity of feeling, and the ability to make his artistic intentions clear.

Nelson Riddle, who has provided orchestral backgrounds for Cole since 1951 (as well as pursuing a highly

successful career of his own), composed the suite "Family Album" especially for tonight's performance. The first movement, "Young Tom," is a portrait of a boy, who is represented by a boisterous theme. The music suggests all the mischief one would find in any real-life American kid. That terrific crash-Tom has broken a window, and a good stern reprimand will follow in short order.

"Little Betsy," in the second movement, speaks for herself. She is winsome, and is portrayed in light and lilting music.





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In the third movement we make the acquaintance of Mama. Like many Mamas, she is a busy, happy person, humming about her work. She stops long enough (on a held chord!) to call Tom and Betsy. Then there is a lullaby treatment of her theme, and at the end of the movement a "glamourized" treatment. What mother does not fancy herself—for just a little moment now and then—as an alluring woman of the world?

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Artists of the Week

IZLER SOLOMON

American born Izler Solomon has won deserved praise for his consistently fine conducting in many parts of this country and abroad. This marks his fifteenth Hollywood Bowl appearance. As a youngster he showed exceptional promise as a violinist and a group of Kansas City (Mo.) citizens financed his early studies. His interest in conducting turned him from the violin to the podium and his success in that field was immediate. He has been conductor of the Illinois State Symphony, the Women's Symphony of Chicago, the Columbus (Ohio) Philharmonic Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic. He has directed the New Orleans "Pops" series for a number of years. Born in Minneapolis, he went to Kansas City when he was a small boy. He has many national music awards.

ELISABETH SCHWARZKOPF

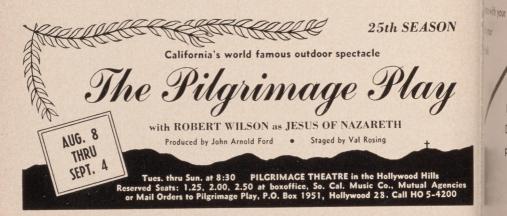
When Elisabeth Schwarzkopf was in her teens, studying at the Hochschule for Music in Berlin, she won first prize in theory, harmony, musical history, piano and singing. Her vocal coaching enabled her to give her

first professional engagement at Berlin Civic Opera House.

In less than 36 hours she learned her first role (a flower girl in Parsifal) and her starting salary in opera was \$50 a month. Before her second season had ended she was singing four and five times a week, and had been cast in twenty small parts. Three years later her salary had quadrupled and she sang 187 performances. Now she is recognized as the outstanding interpreter of lieder. She is making her Hollywood Bowl debut this season and next fall will be heard in her American opera debut with the San Francisco Opera Company both in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

ENRIQUE JORDA

Last spring Mr. Jorda completed his first season as permanent conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. A native of San Sebastian, Spain, Senor Jorda began his music studies there at the age of five. His ambition was to become a composer and organist. Both of these ambitions were realized but after he achieved considerable success as an organist (starting in his home town as assistant organist of the Santa Maria church



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when he was 12) he turned to conducting. His first conducting appearance was in 1938 in Paris. For five years he conducted the Madrid Symphony and was conductor of the Cape Town, (Africa) Symphony orchestra for six years. Jorda has conducted in Buenos Aires and throughout western Europe.

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Many will remember the night a chubby little boy stood on the vast stage of Shrine Auditorium and played the violin like a seasoned master. He had made his debut in San Francisco and continued his initial success with a crowning achievement at the age of ten when he played three concertos on one program with the Berlin Philharmonic (Bruno Walter conducting). Since then he has toured the world many times. At the age of 18 he toured 73 cities in 13 countries. When he is not traveling he lives at the Menuhin family home near Los Gatos, California.

NAT "KING" COLE

Nat (Nathaniel) "King" Cole at 36 is at the crest of a career that has won him friends throughout the United States and in foreign lands. Born in Montgomery, Ala., the son of a preacher who took his family to Chicago to become pastor of the True-Light Church. Nat was five at the time but in a few years he was singing in the church choir. Thanks to tutoring from his mother he had an early start in music and in his teens had his own orchestra for a short period. He landed in Los Angeles in 1937 as

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pianist with the "Shuffle Along" company which ended its run here. Nat became pianist at a small tavern and there won his title "King" for the management insisted he wear a gold paper crown while entertaining and at that establishment, he began singing. He organized his own trio and then was on his way up. He has a prodigious list of recorded hits, has toured the world, played in concerts and in numerous motion pictures.

NELSON RIDDLE

In his native Ordell, New Jersey, Nelson Riddle had an early start on a music career for at the age of 8 he was studying piano. He became fascinated with his father's facility on the trombone so at 14 he switched to that tubular instrument. That got him away to a good start as a musician and after a stint with the army during World War II he turned to arranging. Mr. Riddle has made arrangements for leading bands until he was beckoned by NBC as staff arranger. Now he is a "triple threat" man in music — he is conductor, arranger and scorer. For Television he has won critical praise for his work as conductor-arranger for three "Spectaculars," and recently he completed 26 episodes for TV's "This is Your Music." He is married and lives with his family of three children at Malibu.



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section, which has been called the Carnival episode, and which suggests that the Don has flung himself into a whirlwind of pleasure. The music becomes more and more brilliant and highly colored. As the climax passes, the earlier themes of Don Juan are recalled. Finally, in the mood of the Lenau poem, there is the laconic, bitter ending.

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Richard Strauss

Completed in 1948, Strauss' last songs have an autumnal quality in many ways unlike that of any other songs. A comparison with Brahms' last songs which also run to the number of four, is inevitable. The earlier master's "Four Serious Songs" are awe-inspiring in their depth and solemnity. Based on Scriptural texts, they are an enduring monument to a steadfast, confident spiritual outlook on life and death.

Strauss' songs, much less cosmic in their scope, also show, in their own way, a tranquillity, confidence and readiness before death. Their melancholy seems mainly to be one of quiet regret and resignation. The music itself is astonishingly reminiscent of some of Strauss' earliest songwriting, and the song which is last sung tonight contains a quotation from his early tone poem "Death and Transfiguration."

"Beim Schlafengehn" is a song of the beauty and peace of sleep. The poet voices his longing for the starry night, as though he were a tired child, and sings with quiet ecstasy of the free flight his spirit can take in the magic circle of the night.

"September" paints a picture, in rather symbolic terms, of the fading

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of a garden at the end of summer. The rain falls cool on the flowers, the yellowed leaves drop one by one from the acacia; summer smiles faintly in the dying dream that was a garden.

In "Frühling" ("Spring") the poet sings of the joy of spring—but alas, it is only a dream. Then he sees that the dream has become reality as he sings of her trees, her lovely breezes and birdsongs, and trembles at her blessed presence and tender allure.

"Im Abendrot," the fourth of the group (though Strauss began work on it before the others), could be taken as a tender epistle to the composer's beloved wife. "Through trouble and joy we have gone, hand in hand," it says, "and from wandering we rest in quiet countryside." Two larks as-

cend, dreaming through the scented air . . . the time for sleep is soon upon us . . . as we stand in the glow of evening, how weary we are of wandering . . . "Is this then perhaps Death?" finally asks the poet.

Strauss' interest turned to the creation of symphonic poems during a considerable portion of his career, and then to opera. There were also periods when the composition of chamber music or of instrumental music dominated his thoughts. But songs came from his skilled pen both early and late. The Four Last Songs came sixty-five years after his well-loved group of songs of Op. 10.

The poems forming the texts of the songs heard tonight are by Hermann Hesse, except "Im Abendrot," which is by the romantic poet Joseph von Eichendorff. The songs are dedicated to various friends of the composer. "Mrs. Seery," to whom "September" is dedicated, is the former opera star Maria Jeritza, who created several of Strauss' greatest soprano roles in opera.



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Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

The great Russian pianist-composer-conductor Rachmaninoff wrote his Second Symphony in 1907, during his three-year residence in Dresden which began in 1906. A decade earlier Rachmaninoff had emerged from the depression following upon the failure of his First Symphony, and with his Second Concerto had begun his remarkable three-faceted career. The conductorship of the Imperial Grand Theater in Moscow, as well as the social life of that city, monopolized his time to such an extent that the Dresden residence was decided upon as a sort of "sabbatical."

Besides the Second Symphony, Rachmaninoff composed the tone poem "The Isle of the Dead," the first piano sonata, several songs, and the unfinished opera "Mona Vanna" during the Dresden sojourn. The powerful Symphony is one of his most representative works, and until recent years shared with those of Sibelius

the greatest popularity of any symphonies composed in this century. It is a work of great length, usually played with cuts which were authorized by the composer.

Although Rachmaninoff suggested no "program" for the Symphony, it is often compared to Tchaikovsky's Fourth, in which the central programmatic idea is that of the power of Fate. In the Rachmaninoff work this concern with Fate seems to carry with it a constant awareness of Death as well. The four-movement form is traditional, but the entire Symphony bears the personal stamp of the serious-visaged Slav who believed that music should be "the product of the sum total of a composer's experiences." The programmatic aspect of the work is enhanced by the employment of the "cyclic" idea: the material of the largo introduction to the first movement recurs in all the other movements of the Symphony.

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Hollywood Bowl's 1955 Starlight Girl was presented to the Bowl Audience August 2. She and her attendants received Award Certificates from Dr. Arthur G. Coons, president of Occidental College and Honorary Chairman for College and University Night. In the picture are: Front, Kay Hickman, Starlight Girl; back row, left to right: Lois Watson, Lee Green and Frances Marion Marcus.

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years as a virtuoso, appearing throughout the world. He died in 1898 at a concert in San Francisco. It is a curious fact that there is among his compositions — which do not lay claim to great artistic merit —a "Hymn to Mount Shasta.")

Remenyi's greatest service to Brahms was his introduction of the young composer to the distinguished violinist Joachim. Brahms' friendship with Joachim was an artistic bond that lasted throughout his life.

Brahms consulted with Joachim on the editing of the violin concerto, as well as on the composition of the first movement cadenza and other features. The concerto was dedicated to Joachim, who was soloist in its first performances, Brahms conducting.

Of the premiere performance, which took place at a Gewandhaus concert at Leipzig, Jan. 1, 1879,

Dörffel, the critic of the Leipziger Nachrichten, wrote:

"Joachim played with a love and devotion which brought home to us in every measure the direct or indirect share he has had in the work. As to the reception, the first movement was too new to be distinctly appreciated by the audience, the second made considerable way, the last aroused great enthusiasm."

Kalbeck, Brahms' friend and biographer, wrote of the performance:

"The work was heard respectfully, but it did not awaken a particle of enthusiasm. It seemed that Joachim had not sufficiently studied the concerto or he was severely indisposed. Brahms conducted with visible excitement."

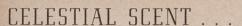
After the first performance, and before the publication of the concerto in October, 1879, Joachim made several suggestions for further alterations in the score, which Brahms accepted.



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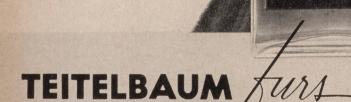


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Observed by The Editor

High style and feminine fashion are ordinarily outside or repertory, but the other day we strayed into Jax, the ultra soigne women's sportswear shop of Beverly Hills, and suddenly became intrigued. Any preconceived notions we ever held about a woman's shop were dispelled. For one thing, we discovered that the traditionally somber-dressed "saleslady" is no longer a "lady"-at least, she appears neither somberly dressed nor matronly. At Jax the sales force comprises an array of youngsters who might easily be society debutantes or motion picture starlets. While on duty all wear those smart Jax "fancy pants" for which this shop is famed.

Our visit to Jax also proved that casual clothes are no longer the stepchildren they were when such attire was the least of milady's wardrobe and the name designers concentrated on town wear, cocktail dresses, and evening gowns. Here is sportswear with a flair, casual clothes with an air. The great majority of selections at Jax are of their own design—and the ideas in most cases are those of Jax Hanson.

Hanson's background is a switch on what one would expect. He was born in conservative Evanston, Illinois and later came to California where he played basketball and studied education at U.S.C. Later he joined the Los Angeles "Angels" and played professional baseball. During World War II he was a physical instructor at Santa Ana Air Force Base and taught boxing, swimming, and tennis. His advent into the women's sportswear business was an accident inspired by a vacant store on Balboa Island. He opened a shop and the natural thing to sell at a resort was resort wear. He found that the usual commercial lines fell short of supplying Miss California with the type of thing she wanted. Soon he was filling the gap by working up some ideas of his own. The rest is history. The fame of Jax styles spread to Beverly Hills where many of his Balboa customers lived. The modernistic Wilshire Boulevard store, designed especially for Hanson, was opened about five years ago. From the start it became the haunt of such clothes-minded celebrities as Lana Turner, with whom Hanson attended Hollywood High School, Jennifer Jones, Jean Simmons, Liz Tavlor, Constance Smith, Dorothy Dandridge, Abbe Lane, Rita Hayworth, Lita Brown, Dinah Shore, Kay Thompson, and many others who want to look as attractive at the supermarket as they do at a premiere.

Jax is devoted to the creed that you can make everyday chores whether it's tidying up the house or taking the children to school-as festive as a party if you add a chic and carefree touch to your dress. When Lana Turner takes her youngsters to school she might wear a jaunty ensemble to match her convertible, or, if Mrs. Peter Lawford is making a pie, she doesn't have to don a floral printed house dress to prove she is an oldfashioned girl at heart rather than a mere millionaire ambassador's daughter. Instead she wears something smart from Jax. Today's modern mother can be as appealing in the kitchen as she is when dining at Perino's, or lolling around the pool at the Santa Barbara Biltmore. Many Jax styles feature fancy pants, but

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Hollywood Bowl Awards

Earlier this year prominent music teachers in the Metropolitan Area of Los Angeles nominated their outstanding students for recognition through the medium of the Hollywood Bowl Awards. Those students who received Awards for outstanding talent in music; for keen interest and advancement in academic studies in keeping with the standards and qualifications established by the Hollywood Bowl Awards Committee are: (name of teacher appears below each Award winner).

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Hollywood Bowl's Year of the Festival is being highlighted by a week devoted to a novel presentation of music and dance and representing music expression of both North America and South America. Leonard Bernstein, renowned as a composer, pianist and conductor, is Festival Director and also will appear on the program in each capacity. He will conduct the opening program of the Festival, will present the first western performance of one of his compositions and will be pianist soloist on the "Pops" program Aug. 20.

The pattern of the American Festival covers all branches of American music from Jazz to Symphony and includes a dance night with Martha Graham in a program indigenous to the United States. A jazz Symposium in the nature of a Cavalcade of Jazz, from Dixieland to Progressive, will have Mr. Bernstein as moderator and Andre Previn as piano soloist. Among the features will be: Dave Brubeck, Buddy De Franco, Billy Holliday, Pete Kelly's Big Seven, Shorty Rogers and his band, Cal Tjader and his Afro-Cuban group, Lee Konitz, alto saxophone. Panelists will be the well known jazz authorities, Leonard Feather and Ralph Gleason.

Assisting Mr. Bernstein on the Aug. 16 program will be Isaac Stern who will introduce Bernstein's "Serenade" and Jennie Tourel, mezzo-soprano, singing Lukas Foss' "Song of Songs." Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" will be heard in the same concert, with Gregory Peck as narrator.

John Barnett, music director of the Bowl, will conduct for Miss Graham whose program includes works by Copland, William Schuman and Norman Dello Joio.

Music of Mexico and South America will be presented by Carlos Chavez, Mexico's foremost composer-conductor, Aug. 18 when Bidu Sayao, Brazilian soprano, will sing numbers by Heitor Villa Lobos and others.

For the final night of the American Festival Saturday, Aug. 20, Johnny Green, general music director of the MGM Studios will be on the podium to conduct a "Pops" concert with Bernstein at the piano in Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and with Dorothy Kirsten, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, in popular songs.



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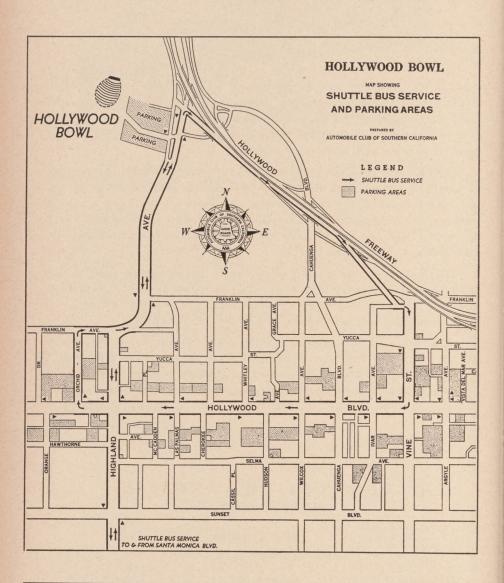
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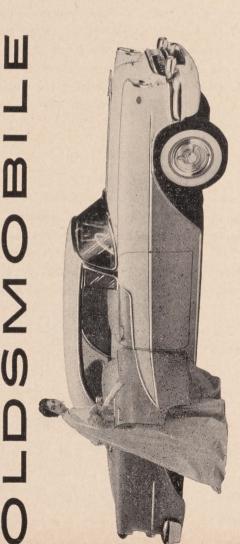
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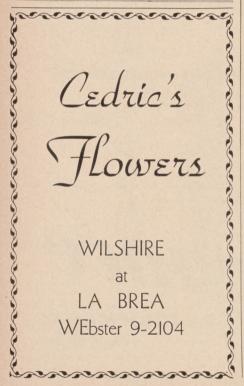
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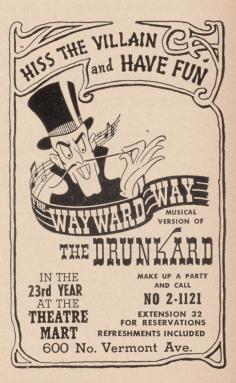
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